

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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ACCOUNTABILITY OF DOCTORS OF SPORTSPERSONS

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to make those doctors accountable who are in charge of the fitness regimen of Sportspersons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c) : Doctors are attached with the sportspersons/teams during the National Coaching Camps. Where required, they also accompany the teams to international competitions at Government cost. The doctors are responsible for the general fitness of the sportspersons/teams during the relevant competition. These doctors are selected by concerned National Sports Federation. Sports Authority of India (SAI) monitors their availability and role during the national camps. Additionally, the Dope Control Centre located in SAI Headquarters advises National Sports Federations as well as Doctors and sportspersons in National Coaching Camps about the dope control measures and imparts general awareness about doping and its ill-effects.